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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: EUROCOMMUNISTS ON CUBA

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1. CARRILLO'S ASSERTION (REFTEL) THAT PSOE SECGEN FELIPE GONZALEZ WAS INVITED TO HAVANA'S WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL "BUT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL DELIBERATIONS" IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF CARRILLO'S TWISTING THE TRUTH FOR HIS OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES. WE DO NOT DOUBT THAT GONZALEZ WAS INVITED; HE MAINTAINS GOOD RELATIONS WITH CASTRO AND A LARGE PART OF THE SPANISH YOUTH DELEGATION TO THE FESTIVAL WAS MADE UP OF PSOE YOUTH LEADERS. FURTHERMORE, HE MAY HAVE USED CONSTITUTIONAL PRESSURES AS A POLITE EXCUSE NOT TO ATTEND. BUT GONZALEZ' DECISION TO STAY AWAY FROM HAVANA WAS NOT THE RESULT OF THE PRESS OF BUSINESS AT HOME. IN FACT, THE PSOE LEADER IS NOW IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE ATTENDING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS IN BOGOTA AND SANTO DOMINGO, A TRIP
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WHICH WOULD HAVE EASILY ALLOWED HIM TO SANDWICH IN A STOP IN HAVANA. CLEARLY GONZALEZ UNDERSTOOD THE REASONS BEHIND HIS INVITATION TO THE FESTIVAL, AND THE POLITICAL MESSAGE HE WOULD BE SENDING IF HE ATTENDED.

2. WE AGREE WITH INTERPRETATION OF CARRILLO'S TRIP TO

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HAVANA AS MOTIVATED BY DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCERNS
(REFTEL), IN PARTICULAR THE DESIRABILITY OF SHORING UP
HIS FLANK VIS-A-VIS PRO-MOSCOW PARTY ELEMENTS AND
TO US THAT CARRILLO IS CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN CORRECT
RELATIONS WITH CASTRO, WHILE KEEPING THE CUBAN
LEADER AT ARMS' LENGTH. THE PCE CHIEF OBVIOUSLY
FELT IT WAS TIME TO PUT IN AN APPEARANCE IN HAVANA,
AND AT A POLITICALLY CHARGED MOMENT. BUT HE ALSO
IS BALANCING THE TRIP OFF IN TYPICAL FASHION BY
MAKING HIS USUAL SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO TAKE THE WATERS IN
ROMANIA AND OF COURSE MEET WITH FELLOW MAVERICK
CEAUSESCU IN THE PROCESS.

3. THE NEGLIGIBLE SPANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF CARRRLLO'S
HAVANA STAY INDICATES THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY CIRCUMSPECT
IN HIS STATEMENTS TO THE SPANISH PRESS CORPS, AND THAT
HE WAS NOT COURTING GENERAL ATTENTION IN SPAIN TO HIS
CUBAN TRAVELS. TODMAN

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